GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:32
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2006
DOUBLING OF RAILWAY LINE PROJECTS
Mandal Shri Sanat Kumar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the ongoing doubling of railway line projects; zone-wise;

(b) the progress made so far on these projects, project-wise;

(c) whether these projects are running behind the schedule particularly Sealdah- Canning doubling of railway line project;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the details of funds allocated and spent so far on this project; and

(f) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (f) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.32 BY SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.11.2006 REGARDING DOUBLING OF RAILWAY LINE PROJECTS.

(a) & (b): The Zone-wise details of ongoing doubling projects and physical progress made so far is given in Appendix

(c) : The projects are being progressed as per the availability of resources. On Sealdah-Canning section (45 kms), double line already exist between Sealdah and Sonarpur (16 kms). The doubling of Sonarpur-Ghutiari Sharif (15 kms) on Sonarpur-Canning section has been taken up. Sonarpur-Champahati was commissioned on 7.7.2005 and Champahati-Ghutiari Sharif is likely to be commissioned during December, 2006 after inspection by Commissioner of Railway Safety. Doubling on balance section from Ghutiari Sharif to Canning (14 kms) is not sanctioned.

(d) : Does not arise.

(e) : The sanctioned cost of Sonarpur-Ghutiari Sharif doubling is Rs.30.47 crore and expenditure incurred upto March 2006 is Rs.30.68. An outlay of Rs.2.50 crore has been provided during 2006-07.

(f): The ongoing doubling projects are likely to be completed in about 4 years period depending upon the availability of resources.